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Hon. Magalie Roman Salas
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Salas:

RE: Low Power FM, MM Docket No. 99-25

Pursuant to 47 CFR §1.1206(b)(2), this letter reports that a meeting was held Friday, March 17, 2000, on the subject of the February 29, 2000 "Petition to Correct Inadvertent Error" filed by MMTC et al. in the above referenced proceeding. Those present were Michele Ellison, Esq. and Karin Edwards Onyeije, Esq. of the Office of General Counsel, Susan Fox, Esq. and Mary Beth Murphy, Esq. of the Mass Media Bureau, Dr. Jannette Dates, President of the Black College Communications Association, and myself.

Dr. Dates and I addressed the merits of our petition, including the value of having solid, rule-complying, financially stable educational institutions in the first wave of LPFM licensees and the need to remedy the effects of the Commission's past involvement in discrimination against minority broadcast training institutions (MBTIs). We contended that like other federal agencies, the Commission can target MBTIs on the basis of their mission rather than the race of many of their students. We explained that educational institutions are discouraged from applying for LPFM permits because schools are unlikely to enter into pre-application collusive agreements to pool comparative points, and because schools would usually find share-times inconsistent with their educational missions.

We noted that our proposal for commercial stations to place inventory on MBTI stations to facilitate sales training would respond to concerns that LPFM stations won't have an adequate financial base, that commercial broadcasters have no way to participate in LPFM, and that the industry urgently needs more well trained account executives.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Honig', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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